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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 9

1. WP (PAGE 7) UPI REPORT THAT KISSINGER-GROMYKO MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19 IN VIENNA OR GENEVA, ACCORDING TO SOURCES.
2. WP (PAGE 23) HEADLINE "BREZHNEV HAILS VIETNAM VICTORY -- IN V-E DAY COMMEMORATION" BY PETER OSNOS. IN MAJOR SPEECH, BREZHNEV HAILED COMMUNIST VICTORY BUT ALSO REMARKED THAT "ELIMINATION OF HOTBED OF WAR" IN INDO-CHINA SHOULD BENEFIT INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, INCLUDING THAT WITH U.S. DID NOT MENTION CAMBODIA OR MIDDLE EAST, EXCEPT IN ONE OBLIQUE REFERENCE. NYT (PAGE 3) HAS SIMILAR STORY BY CHRISTOPHER WREN, HEADED "SOVIET TAKES CREDIT FOR DEFEAT OF GERMANY ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY."
3. WP (PAGE 28) COLUMN BY STEPHEN S. ROSENFELD UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDRESSES KISSINGER'S POST-VIETNAM CONFUSION AND NOTES THAT KISSINGER, IN NBC INTERVIEW, EXPRESSED COLD WAR VIEW WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT A DOMINO EFFECT IN ALMOST EVERY MAJOR EVENT. ON OTHER HAND, ROSENFELD SAYS

KISSINGER HAS LEARNED ONE ESSENTIAL LESSON OF VIETNAM IN PERCEIVING THAT U.S. SHOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY FEAR THAT SOCIAL, POLITICAL CHANGES ELSEWHERE IS A POTENTIAL THREAT TO ITS OWN SECURITY INTERESTS.

4. NYT (PAGE 1) CARRIES STORY DATELINED MOSCOW,

STATING BREZHNEV SAID HE HOPED END OF WARS IN INDO-CHINA WILL HELP US-USSR DETENTE. SIMILAR STORY BY MICHAEL PARKS ON PAGE 1 OF SUN.

5. SUN (PAGE 1) HAS HENRY TREWHITT REPORTING ON BASIS INFORMED OFFICIALS THAT US-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS ON SALT HAVE FROZEN ON TWO U.S. DEMANDS THAT ADMINISTRATION REGARDS AS FUNDAMENTAL.

6. CSM (PAGE 13) CARRIES DANA ADAMS SCHMIDT STORY OF FIRST EXCHANGE SHIP VISITS SINCE WW II, HEADED "U.S., SOVIET MISSILE WARSHIPS SAIL TOWARD EXCHANGE VISITS". ALSO IN CSM, ELIZABETH POND WRITES A PIECE (PAGE 12) ABOUT V-E DAY REMEMBRANCES - SOVIET STYLE. CSM ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT SECTION CARRIES TWO ITEMS ON REVAMPING OF BOLSHOI WITH ONE ASKING "ARE RADICAL AND HARMFUL CHANGES BEING MADE BY ITS CHIEF?" AND THE OTHER WITH A "NO, SAYS A BOLSHOI FAN." CSM ALSO CARRIES COMMENTARY BY ALBERT WEEKS, NYU PROFESSOR ON V-E DAY AT A TIME OF DETENTE.

7. STAR (PAGE 6) HAS HARRY BRADSHER REPORTING THAT SOV'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF END OF WORLD WAR II HAS GIVEN DIFFERENT AUDIENCES DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF CURRENT AND FUTURE RELATIONS WITH U.S., BREZHNEV SAYING ONE THING IN MOSCOW, AND SHCHERBITSKY ANOTHER IN KIEV. KISSINGER

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